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1. claims: 1-31,67-87

Artificial turf for airport or airfield

1.1. claims: 32-66

Arrester bed system with artificial turf

1.2. claims: 88-116

Artificial turf for repelling animals or birds

1.3. claims: 117-134,135-155

Artificial turf for providing a marking

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